

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3128
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2000
TASK FORCE
VENKATA KRISHNAM RAJU UPPALAPATI

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `11 Member task force set up` appearing in `The Pioneer` dated February 17, 2000;
- (b) If so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) The composition of the task force ; and
- (d) The time by which the task force is likely to submit its report?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PESIONS.

(SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) & (b) A 13 Member Task Force has been set up for India's Development as a Knowledge Society.

(c) The Composition of the Task Force is as under:

1. Shri K.C. Pant Chairman
Deputy Chairman,
Planning Commission.
2. Dr. K. Venkatasubramanian, Member
(Convenor)
Member, Planning Commission.
3. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Member
Principal Scientific Adviser to
The Government of India.
4. Prof. R.A. Mashelkar Member
Director General,
Council for Scientific & Industrial Research.
5. Shri N.R. Narayana Murthy Member
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer,
Infosys Technologies Ltd.,
44, Electronics City, Hosur Road,
Bangalore-561 229.
6. Professor Ashok Parthasarathi Member
Centre for Studies in Science Policy,
Jawaharlal Nehru University,
New Delhi.
7. Dr. Hari Gautam Member

Chairman,
University Grants Commission.

8. Shri K.K. Baksi Member
Principal Adviser (Education),
Planning Commission.

9. Prof. J.S. Rajput, Member
Director, NCERT.

10. Dr. N. Vijayaditya Member
Dy. Director General (Acting DG),
National Informatics Centre (NIC).

11. Shri M.K. Kaw, Member
Secretary,
Department of Education,
Ministry of Human Resource Development.

12. Dr. (Smt.) Manju Sharma, Member
Secretary,
Department of Bio-Technology,
Ministry of Science & Technology.

13. Dr. V.P. Garg Member-Secretary
Joint Adviser (Education)
Planning Commission.

(d) As per Terms of Reference, the Task Force shall submit its report to the Planning Commission within six months of its constitution.